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NOTES FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR-DR. TURNER

- ◆ Our staff in collaboration with several County departments engaged in a very successful event during the Bowen's Home Community Day. This event was held on August 7, 2008 and was coordinated at the request of Commissioner Emma I. Darnell (see page 6 for the story and the pictures).
- ◆ The Governor has released the plan to restructure the Georgia Department of Human Resources on August 26, 2008 and includes the following proposed changes:
 - The Department of Community Health has combined with Public Health and other health regulatory programs to create the Department of Health
 - A new department of Behavioral Health comprised of mental health and addictive diseases programs will be established
 - All other social services agencies such as Developmental Disabilities, Aging, Division of Family and Children Services and Child Support will be placed in a Department of Human Services.
- ◆ As part of the mid-year budget review process, the County has received its expenditure



projections from the Finance Department. Although the General Fund Balance is sufficient to preserve the 8.33% minimal fund balance required, it does not provide for any additional spending. Thus the County Manager is implementing spending control measures immediately.

These controls measures are follows:

- A hiring freeze for all vacant positions and positions vacated between now and the end of the year

- Restriction of non-essential expenditures to include limiting travel, training and hospitality Accounts
- Reviewing department operating budgets for unencumbered funds in professional services,
- contract services and other operating
- expenditures and continued sweeping of
- identified salary savings

Senior staff and I have spent countless hours working on the departmental budget to bring it in line with the mandated reductions. We have worked diligently with the Finance department to provide alternative cuts to avoid staff reductions. I solicit your cooperation and support as we continue to streamline our budget to support a balanced County budget. As usual, I applaud all the hard work that you continue to do to support the citizens of Fulton County. I will keep you abreast of the impending changes as we continue necessary budgetary adjustments. I solicit your support and cooperation as we continue our transition in the days to come.

Dr. Kim Turner

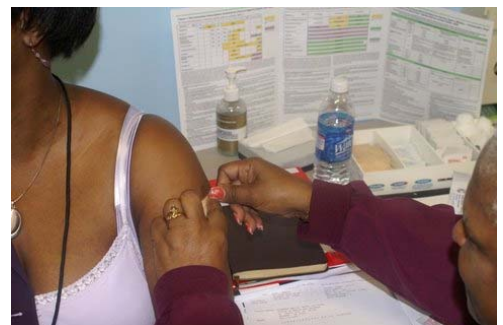
NEW EMPLOYEES

Vincent E. Broughton
(promotion)
Josephine Cumberbatch – Tate
Karen K. Egleston
Felicia M. Hurt
Marcia Y. Smith (promotion)
Clifford Pickett (promotion)
Aqueelah S. Jenkins
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Sarely J. Danner
Mary A. Britt
Sheila Moore
Randall R. Merriott
Jeri D. Boykin
Dexter M. Henderson
Dorothy B. Robinson
(promotion)
Carmen S. Dodson
Roy C. Brooks
Tommie A. Lightfoot-Holloway
(promotion)

Cathy D. Ward
Cheryl B. Payton
Deborah J. Davis
Valencia L. Beckley
Harriet L. Matthews (promotion)
Lauren C. Zaruba
Kailah L. Taylor-Estell
Sarah B. Boos
Melanie S. Alexander
Carol D. Reeves
Styvokius D. Williams
Justin I. Prothro
Janet G. Glover
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Vivian M. Crawley
Shoshana McDougale
Joiet C. Wesley
James C. Webb
Christina L. Swann
Shameika D. Logan
Rosemary U. Oke

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Roy C. Brooks, DDS
Julie M. Lange, MD
Tamayo C. Barnes
Alicia Phillips
Janette Brown
Fana A. Abay
Kimberly S. Lewis
Omar N. Mohamed
Colet I. Odenigbo
Piyush C. Patel, MD
Dorine Barr-Bryan
Regina Bailey
Tiffany Gust
Raleigh E. Jeffrey
Michelle L. Allen
Catherine R. Youngblood

FLU SHOTS FOR EMPLOYEES



In an effort to ensure that our staff is adequately immunized against the flu virus, Dr. Turner has authorized Flu Shots at no cost for Department of Health and Wellness staff. All Health and Wellness staff can receive a Flu Shot at a health center. You do not need an appointment to receive the flu shot, however, you are requested to present your Fulton County ID badge.

NEIGHBORHOOD UNION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This facility was opened fifty-three years ago in a predominantly African American community during a time of mounting racial tension across the nation. Since then, the health center has undergone several renovations to better serve its clients. The most recent project was the groundbreaking ceremony to mark the redevelopment and expansion of the building. The construction is scheduled for completion this November and a new and improved Neighborhood Union Health Center will re-open.



2008 AIDS WALK ATLANTA & 5K RUN

AIDS Walk Atlanta's 2008 event will be held on Sunday, October 19th at Piedmont Park and Grady High School.

Run Starts @ 1:45 pm
Walk Starts @ 2:00 pm

To register, go to AIDSWalkAtlanta.com
Team Name: Together for Life
Team Captain: Kenneth Robinson



I will **WALK** because I Care. I will **WALK** because there is no Cure. I will **WALK** because I want to save Lives. I will **WALK** because I know someone with AIDS.

SAFE KIDS OF FULTON COUNTY

Safe Kids Fulton, led by Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness, is dedicated to fighting the No.1 killer of children: accidental injuries. It is a non-profit organization made up of safety officials, specialists and volunteers countywide. The volunteers teach safety skills and provide safety tips and advise parents, caregivers and children throughout Fulton County on prevention of accidental injuries. At the August 28th Board of Health meeting, the Coalition was awarded one thousand dollar donation from the Amerigroup Foundation to purchase child safety seats.



SOUTH FULTON SERVICES MOVING



South Fulton Health Center



Lakewood Health Center

Effective November 1, 2008 *all Clinical Services* will be moving to:

Lakewood Health Center
1853 Jonesboro Road, SE, Atlanta
(404) 624-0628



FINAL FAREWELL TO DR. HARRISON "JACK" ROGERS-WE HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

The impact Dr. Harrison Rogers had on the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness still resonates as a testament to his vision and desire to see that residents receive quality health care. On September 25, 2008, the Fulton County Board of Health said their final farewell to Dr. Harrison Rogers. Dr. Rogers was a board member for 14 years.

"Dr. Rogers was a dedicated and hardworking member of the Board of Health. We felt it necessary to honor his contributions and to thank his family for their support of his efforts to make us a leading

public health district in Georgia," said Dr. Kim Turner, Interim Director of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.

Dr. Rogers served as the former president of the Atlanta Medical Association and was a proponent for wellness and prevention. He advocated for policies that strengthened the Department's community-based networks promoting healthy habits.



LIVE HEALTHY FULTON CAMPAIGN KICKOFF



LIVE HEALTHY FULTON!

Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Office of Healthy Behaviors is encouraging all Fulton County residents to take charge of their health. Feel Better, Look Better, Be Better.

The Health & Wellness Office of Healthy Behaviors' Live Healthy Fulton Campaign kicked off with a blast on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The event was held at Centennial Park. The Office of Healthy Behaviors was represented by all of the programs under its umbrella: Safe Kids Fulton, Chronic Disease Prevention, Reach For Wellness, and Cancer Prevention. There were blood pressure checks, back massages, car and bike safety demonstrations, aerobic exercise sessions, healthy eating tips, and cooking demonstrations. There were children's activities such as story telling and magic shows. One lucky client won a brand new car seat for her infant, and another client won a \$50 gas card. It was a great start for a very promising campaign. For more information visit our web site at: www.fultoncountygahhealth.org.



BOWEN HOMES COMMUNITY DAY

Fulton County Government hosted a Community Day for the Bowen Homes Community on August 7, 2008. Over 1,000 residents participated in this event. The Department of Health and Wellness provided health screenings and informational booths on all of its programs. The Tenants Association was also available to prepare residents for their relocation from Bowen Homes to new neighborhoods. The housing complex is scheduled for demolition over the next two years.



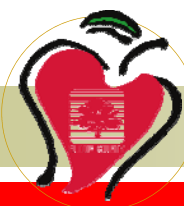
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